ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES,

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON,

FROM MARCH 1, 1872, TO MARCH 1, 1873.

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1873.

REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March, 1872,	$2,650 20
Money hired,	1,600 00
Received of Collector, 1871,	596 65
" " " 1872,	5,614 82
Interest on County Tax,	2 95
" " Taxes for 1871,	19 04
State Aid Reimbursed,	224 00
Massachusetts School Fund,	125 14
Corporation Tax,	329 53
Received of N. B. Butler for School Books,	59
" " County Treas'r on acc't of Dog Tax,	54 35
	$11,217 27

EXPENDITURES.

Paid

County Tax,	$522 10

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Notes paid,	$2,866 00
Interest on Notes,	1,901 17
State Aid,	240 00
State Tax,	760 00
Orders paid present year,	4,755 45
National Bank Tax overpaid,	82
	$9,723 44

SCHOOLS.

NORTH.

Paid

Isaac F. Knowlton, wood	$24 00
Charles A. Appleton, sawing and housing wood	2 00
Lydia A. Dane, teaching summer term	106 25
Thomas E. Cramer, " winter "	175 00
" " Telegram	33
	$307 58

SOUTH.

Paid

Sophia F. Lovering, teaching	27 70
Joseph P. Lovering, wood	8 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, "	27 00
Sophia F. Lovering, teaching summer term	106 25
A. Louis McMillar, " winter "	165 00
	$333 95

EAST.

Paid

Ella T. Ellingwood, teaching	$27 70
Isaac F. Knowlton, wood	19 00
Laura S. Woodbury, teaching summer term	106 25
	$152 95

WEST.

Paid

Jarvis Lamson, wood	$20 00
Ella T. Ellingwood, teaching summer term	106 25
James F. Gwinn, wood	5 00
	$131 25

EXPENSE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid

Asahel H. Patch, labor and materials on South and East School Houses	$11 66
Asahel H. Patch, cash paid for cleaning stove pipes for South, East and North School Houses	4 00
Lock and keys	1 35
Jarvis Lamson, two locks, glass and setting, West School House	1 25
James E. Woodman, labor on South School House	2 25
" " repairing locks and setting glass, North School House	1 75
James E. Woodman, setting glass, East School House	75
" " circular blind and setting glass, South School House	5 00
N. B. Butler, setting glass, East School House	12
William O. Haskell & Sons, chair pedestal and desk stand, North School House	1 00
	$29 13

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid

Highway District, No. 3	$62 18
" " " 4	60 60
" " " 5	62 60
" " " 6	50 60
" " " 7	46 60
" " " 8	30 65
	$313 23

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Paid

Catharine Whipple, for board of Thomas Manning	$39 00
Hannah E. Brown, board of Willie Barker	16 50
N. B. Butler, board for Alvin Jowder	182 00
" " " clothing for Alvin Jowder	25 28
" " " school books	33
" " " journey to Newburyport, and expenses on account of Thomas Manning	3 25
Horace E. Durgin, assistance to travellers	2 00
Essex County Receptacle for Insane, board of Kendall Dodge	143 79
Essex County Receptacle for Insane, clothing	25 00
S. N. Baker, clothing for Willie Barker	8 02
D. M. Hoyt, board " " "	6 00
Standley Rollins, assistance to travellers	1 00
Austin A. Whipple, socks for Willie Barker	1 50
City of Newburyport, board of Thomas Manning	73 70
" " " clothing " "	8 25
Austin A. Whipple, school books for Willie Barker	1 10
" " " boots " " "	4 50

George Brown, clothing purchased for Willie Barker	$ 4 22
Hannah M. Whipple, board " " "	22 00
" " " making shirts " " "	1 00
Betsey Roberts, clothing for Perley Jowder . . .	17 00
Town of Ipswich, board of Michael Patch . . .	262 86
" " " coffin, robe, etc., for Michael Patch	16 00
" " " horse and carriage to Hamilton .	1 50
J. Flitner, medicine and other articles for Michael Patch	22 70
John Tibbets, services as undertaker	5 00
City of Salem, coal and wood for Mrs. Peter H. Jowder	13 50
Hannah E. Brown, assistance to travellers . . .	31 00
George Brown, journey to Newburyport on account of Thomas Manning	3 25
George Brown, assistance to travellers	5 00
Mrs. Robert F. Dodge for assistance	120 00
	$1,066 25

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid

Highway District No. 3, Ira P. Knowlton, surveyor, labor on road	$100 00
Highway District No. 3, gravel for 1871	5 00
" " No. 1, Joseph Knowlton, 2d, surveyor, labor	88 60
Highway District No. 2, Isaac F. Knowlton, surveyor, labor	96 50
Amount carried forward	$290 10

Amount brought forward	$290 10
A. W. Trussel and Asahel H. Patch, committee chosen to contract for building the road near Samuel Dane's house	595 00
Highway District No. 8, Isaac F. Knowlton, surveyor, labor	100 00
James F. Gwinn, 37 posts for railing near S. Dane's	21 50
Highway District No. 7, George Brown, surveyor, labor	100 00
Highway District No. 4, Isaac D. Patch, surveyor, labor	101 00
A. W. Trussel, nails for railing	72
Israel D. Brown, gravel for highway, 1871 and 1872	12 00
Daniel L. Hodgkins, lumber for railing	33 94
Highway District No. 6, Jarvis Lamson, surveyor, labor	100 00
N. B. Butler, labor on highway under direction of selectmen	64 55
James F. Gwinn, labor on highway under direction of selectmen	23 00
George Brown, labor on highway under direction of selectmen	37 00
Niram Neal, labor on bridge near Trask's	2 00
Benjamin Woodbury, labor on bridge near Trask's .	1 50
Highway District No. 5, Charles Patch, surveyor	64 11
Daniel L. Hodgkins, lumber for railing near Elbridge Dodge's house	12 02
N. B. Butler, labor on bridge near Trask's . . .	1 50
Oliver Whipple, working non resident tax, 1871 .	12 24
N. B. Butler, nails for bridge near Trask's . . .	1 30
Amount carried forward	$1,573 48

Amount brought forward	$1,573 48
James F. Gwinn, labor on Bridge near Trask's . .	4 00
George Brown, " " " " " . .	3 50
" " teaming lumber from Ipswich . .	3 00
James F. Gwinn, teaming lumber for bridge near Luke Dodge's	1 00
James F. Gwinn, labor, railing	6 00
" " " teaming lumber from Ipswich . .	2 00
" " " nails for railing	56
	$1,593 54

SALARIES AND FEES.

Paid

N. B. Butler, services as collector, 1871	$50 33
John Trefry, " " auditor, 1871	5 00
" " " " " 1872	5 00
Asahel H. Patch, services as school committee . .	15 00
Jarvis Lamson, " " " " . .	12 00
Daniel E. Safford, " " " " . .	15 00
" " " " " treasurer	30 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, " " town clerk	10 00
N. B. Butler, " " overseer of the poor	5 00
" " " " " assessor	24 37
" " " " " selectman	15 50
" " " " for making and distributing Annual Report	5 00
George Brown, services as assessor	20 50
" " " " selectman	13 00
" " " " overseer of poor . . .	5 00
Amount carried forward	$230 70

Amount brought forward	$230 70
George Brown, for making and distributing Annual Report	5 00
James F. Gwinn, services as assessor	17 00
" " " " " selectman	12 00
" " " " " overseer of poor . .	5 00
" " " for making and distributing Annual Report	5 00
	$274 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid

E. B. Putnam & Co., printing Annual Report, 1872	$19 50
Salem Observer Office, " School "	15 50
" " " " Town Orders . . .	3 00
Henry P. Ives, stationery	3 00
A. W. Trussel, services as committee on road near S. Dane's	43 00
Asahel H. Patch, services as committee on road near S. Dane's	5 00
Salem Observer Office, printing tax bills	4 50
J. I. Clisby, painting and varnishing hearse . . .	35 00
Congregational Parish for use of vestry for selectmen's office, town meetings, etc.	50 00
Isaac F. Knowlton, recording births, marriages and deaths	8 30
I. F. Knowlton, postage, stationery and expressing	2 25
" " " journey to Beverly on account of representative vote	2 00
John Tuttle, removing nuisance from highway . .	63
Amount carried forward	$191 68

Amount brought forward	$191 68
Thomson, Bigelow & Brown, school books . . .	63 26
Daniel E. Safford, postage	50
John Tibbets, making return of deaths	1 50
N. B. Butler, filling out paper for tax commissioner	1 50
" " " census of children	1 50
" " " services as committee on Dane's road	1 00
" " " making State aid report	1 00
" " " dog warrant and certificate	1 50
" " " postage and stationery	1 44
D. P. Dodge, expressing	4 60
James F. Gwinn, census of children	1 50
" " " committee on Dane's road . . .	1 00
" " " making State aid report . . .	1 00
George Brown, filling out paper for tax commissioner	1 50
" " census of children	1 50
" " services as committee on S. Dane's road	1 00
George Brown, making State aid report	1 00
	$277 98

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Allowed N. B. Butler, Collector for 1872	$236 47

ABATEMENTS.

Allowed N. B. Butler, Collector:

John H. Foss, poll tax, 1871	$2 00
Benjamin F. Patch, " " "	2 00
Rufus Trussel, " " "	2 00
Richard Bridges, " " "	2 00
Oliver Appleton, " " "	2 00
Tenements on camp ground	12 50
Samuel Dane, poll tax, 1872	2 00
Abel Brown, " " "	2 00
James A. Trowt, "	65
Ira A. Dunnels, "	1 00
Benjamin Brown, poll tax, 1872	2 00
George Baxter, " " "	2 00
William Mayhew, " " "	2 00
Andre Woodbury, " " "	2 00
S. D. Simpson, "	1 30
Frederic Lovejoy, "	97
	$38 42

RECAPITULATION.

Paid County Tax,	$522 10
Notes paid,	2,866 00
Interest on Notes,	1,001 17
State Aid to February 1st,	240 00
State Tax	760 00
Schools,	925 73
Amount carried forward	$6,315 00

Amount brought forward	$6,315 00
Expense and repairs of School Houses, . .	29 13
Poor Department, ...	1,066 25
Removing snow, ...	313 23
Roads and Bridges, ...	1,593 54
Salaries and fees, ...	274 70
Miscellaneous, ...	277 98
Discount on Taxes, ...	236 47
Abatements, ...	38 42
	$10,245 54
Total amount of orders drawn during the year, .	4,755 45
" " " " paid " " " .	4,755 45
Treasurer's receipts for the year, ...	11,217 27
Expenses of Treasurer, ...	9,723 44
Balance in cash March 1, 1873, ...	$1,493 83
Due on Collector's List for 1872, ...	921 62
Due Town on account of school books sold, . .	57 56
In favor of the Town, ...	$2,473 01

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of Notes against the Town, ...		$16,642 00
Deduct balance in favor of Treasury, as above, .		2,473 01
Town debt, ...		$14,168 99
Town debt March 1, 1872, . . .	$14,661 18	
" " " 1, 1873, . . .	14,168 99	
	$492 19	

The foregoing accounts of the selectmen have been this day examined, and the orders compare with the vouchers, and I find the amount of claims against the town which have been settled by orders on the treasurer to be $4,755.45, all of which are satisfactorily vouched for.

The accounts of the treasurer, Daniel E. Safford, have also been examined and found to be correct, and find the balance remaining in the Treasury to be $1,493.83.

JOHN TREFRY, *Auditor.*

Hamilton, February 25, 1873.

Our Report this year is in some respects incomplete.

In order to comply with the spirit of the By-laws, and also to gratify the wishes of the people as far as possible, it was found necessary to close up the accounts at this date.

On account of two schools not having closed their session, and the recent snow storms, it was found impossible to get in all the bills.

So far as a tolerable estimate can be made the amount of claims against the Town remaining unpaid will not be far from $800.00.

The Report shows a reduction of the town debt of $492.19; but when these outstanding claims are paid it will readily be seen that we actually owe some $300.00 more than last year. We see no way by which our regular expenses can be materially lessened; the roads need further repairs generally, and the town will be subjected to still further expense the coming year for widening and improving certain roads by order of the Commissioners.

All these facts are respectfully submitted for the consideration and action of the town at the coming Annual Meeting.

NATHANIEL B. BUTLER,
GEORGE BROWN,
JAMES F. GWINN,
} *Selectmen of Hamilton.*

HAMILTON, FEBRUARY 27, 1873.